

Great News from the

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Being a true Account of what has occur'd there since the Arrival of His Grace the Duke of Scomberge at that place.

Together with a Relation of the Dismal posture the poor *English* are in at *Dublin*.

Licensed, July 30. 1689. J. F.

S I R,

I know the concern which the common cause of our poor Countrey gives you, will make the following Account not un-easie to you, since hereby you may see how speedy the Preparations are which we find here for the Relief of our Countrey.

On *Saturday* the Twentieth, the General his Grace the Duke of *Scomberge* was received here with all the usual Formalities about Nine at Night, which being so late, hindered the Guns which lay ready charged on the Castle Walls to welcome him, from being fired, lest their

noise might terrifie the Adjacent Countrey. He Lodges at Alderman *Manning's* in *Water gate-street*. The place of the General Encampment is a little above the South-side of the River *Dee*, Eastward of the Bridge, where there were last *Wednesday* but two Regiments Encamp't, viz. A Battallion of the Kings Guards, and Count *Carlsoom's* Regiment, and since then three more are Encamp't, i. e. The Lord *Lisburn's* Regiment Blew and Yellow, which came in the last *Wednesday*; The Lord *Herbert's* Blew and White came in the day following, and then the Earl of *Drogheda's* which Quartered in this Town, and was Superfeded by Sir

Henry

Henry Ingoldesby's, which is said here is to be left as a Defence for this place; perhaps you will not think the following Relation unworthy your notice.

On Wednesday last, a Souldier in the Lord Drogheda's Regiment was shot at the head of the Camp for Deserting, and his Son, whom he had seduced along with him, was to run the Gauntlet, a less punishment: seeing the commands of a Father might be prevailing; but he was pardoned. The same day also the Lords Generals had a most sumptuous Entertainment at Sir John Morgans, the Governour, in the Castle, which was made more solemn by the shooting of many great Guns from off the Walls. A great sight of Baggage and Artillery lies here in the Roodiee to be shipt out of hand for Ireland. There is likewise expected in here this morning a Regiment of French Cadets, which all here expect to be a very fine sight. The Conflux of People hither to see the Camp from all parts of the Countrey, is so great, that this Town might be almost taken for *England's Metropolis*; and yet there is no Distemper here so violent, as you write me was the Report in *London*, considering what vast numbers are hereabouts. Two days ago there came into *Nessou* a small Wherry, which put off from *Arcloe*, a Town in the County of *Wicklow*, with several Passengers in her, that give but Dismal Relations

of the Posture the poor *English* are in at *Dublin*: Most of the Eminent men of that City, they say, are Imprisoned, among whom, as I am informed (and I made pretty strict Enquiry) are Sir *Humphrey Ferriss*, Mr. *Rose* the Merchant in *Thomas Street*, and Doctor *King*; in him you may see how little a Good man is esteemed there.

I cannot forbear to add this Extraordinary Deliverance at *Derry*; for a Bomb fell into a Garret in an upper Story, in which were forty men; the Bomb fell on a beam, and bounced upwards, so fired the House, without killing any one of the men.

I forgot to tell you, in its place that the Duke on Tuesday in the Evening, on his return from *Highlake*, Accompanied by the Lord *Brandon*, and a numerous Train of French and Dutch Officers and Gentlemen, view'd the Ground designed for the Camp, and then those two Regiments which were Encamped, whom he pass'd by, and receiv'd the Accustomary salutes from the Officers; the Victuallers of the Town do daily encompass the Camp with their Artillery of Bread and Cheese, which is as bravely taken from them to their Hearts desires. Several Houses here are filled with Bread, Cheese, Bacon, Oats, Oatmeal, and other Belly-provisions for both Horse and Man. I am,

SIR,
your, &c.

Postscript.

YOU may expect a particular Weekly Account from me of all the Occurrences which happen in the Camp during its stay here; my Business is little, and therefore can the better satisfy your Curiosity as to what passes here.

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